



REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Labor Day Holiday Safety Message 2003

1. Labor Day weekend is a time to celebrate the American worker and the contributions they've made to the strength, prosperity and well being of our country. Holiday periods often mean more travel and increased recreational activities, which can increase the risk of accidents. Let's use comprehensive risk assessments and accident prevention countermeasures to help decrease the chance of on and off duty accidents this American Labor Day.
2. Commanders are encouraged to take this time to recognize unit achievements in accident prevention and reward personnel for proven safe performance. Extended periods of no Driving Under the Influence (DUI) or Army accidents Class A – C, are reflections of unit discipline and can be directly attributed to the leadership and professionalism of every member of the organization. Leader involvement in the personal safety of unit members, to include family members and civilians, adds to unit cohesion, personal sense of belonging and shows that the health and well being of unit members is a top priority to the command.
3. Prior to this long holiday weekend, commanders should ensure that all Privately Owned Vehicles (POV) receive a pre-holiday POV safety inspection, that personnel risk assessments are conducted and that soldiers receive a pre-holiday safety briefing. Off-duty POV accidents are the biggest killer of Army personnel, with over 20 soldiers, civilians and family members killed so far this fiscal year in USAREUR. Commanders must ensure that everyone understands the risks associated with holiday periods and that they take the prudent measures necessary to prevent accidents. Suggested safety briefing topics for this holiday weekend are: The hazards of drinking and driving and the use of designated drivers or public transportation; Proper use of seat belts and child restraint devices; protective clothing and equipment during sporting activities, and water safety.
4. As summer winds down and we prepare to enter the winter season, let's refocus our accident prevention effort to include the hazards that winter brings. Cold weather injuries and driving in adverse conditions will be our greatest risk. Ensure that training schedules reflect cold weather injury prevention and that the unit has established a comprehensive Inclement Weather Plan for driving during periods of increased hazardous road conditions. Guidance on the USAREUR Inclement Weather Road Condition Status Policy can be found in UR 385-55, Appendix I.
5. Take great pride and satisfaction in the successes that you, the American worker has brought to our great nation and continue striving to make the United States the best it can be. Thank you for your daily contributions and making the 233d Base Support Battalion your Army "Community of Choice".

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SUBJ: Request for Childcare Authorization - LTC Strife, Commander, 233d Base Support Battalion

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